



THE "NET"



Lincoln Business Watch

Winter Issue

Citizen Corps

Citizen Corps is a program that promotes individual responsibility for emergency and disaster preparedness through preparation, education, training and connection to agencies and organizations within the community who address safety issues. Individual and family preparedness can include activities as simple as putting together an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, learning about different threats as well as getting involved in preparing our community.

Lincoln/Lancaster County Citizen Corps volunteers have been making presentations in the community to interested business groups and other organizations. Our volunteers would like the opportunity to speak with your group. A presentation would be a source of information for business watch groups and business associations regarding emergency and disaster preparedness issues. A Citizen Corps presentation would include...

- ✓ Display sample disaster kits for families, children, and pets.
- ✓ Distribute copies of FEMA publication, "Are You Ready?".
- ✓ Distribute information related to Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and emergency preparedness.
- ✓ Distribute information related to how individuals can volunteer at Emergency Volunteer Centers (EVCs), like the one operated in Princeton, NE after the Hallam NE tornado.
- ✓ Answer questions on how community members can get CERT training.
- ✓ Explain why it's important for citizens to become prepared.

To schedule a presentation for your group, call 435-2100 or e-mail your request to emergcoord@volunteerpartners.org.



The Lincoln/Lancaster County Citizens Corps received federal funding through the Lincoln/Lancaster County Emergency Management office and is operated out of the Volunteer Partners' office. To learn about Citizen Corps go to www.citizencorps.gov.

CRIME TRENDS

Between 1-1-05 thru 11-30-05 The first number will be the number of reported incidents. The second number is how many incidents have been cleared with an arrest.

NORTHWEST TEAM

Commercial Robbery - 13/4
Commercial Burglary - 98/10
Shoplifting - 380/326
Forgery - 412/215

CENTER TEAM

Com. Robbery - 4/2
Com. Burglary - 74/11
Shoplifting - 105/45
Forgery - 108/75

NORTHEAST TEAM

Commercial Robbery - 16/3
Commercial Burglary - 132/13
Shoplifting - 365/294
Forgery - 275/191

SOUTHWEST TEAM

Commercial Robbery - 7/2
Commercial Burglary - 96/24
Shoplifting - 105/45
Forgery - 108/75

SOUTHEAST TEAM

Commercial Robbery - 13/9
Commercial Burglary - 131/7
Shoplifting - 272/211
Forgery - 403/253

Alvo Rd.
Fletcher Ave.
Havelslock Ave.
Adams St.
Holdrege St.
O St.
A St.
Van Dorn St.
Pioneer Blvd.
Old Cheney Rd.
Pine Lake Rd.

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Lincoln Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
575 S. 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Return Service Requested

Funny Money: Not a Laughing Matter



Counterfeiting has become more and more prominent in Lincoln. As more of the fake money is accepted around town, the greater the loss sustained by the business community. The federal government has added new security features over time to make it difficult for counterfeiters to be successful. These security features also make it easier for counterfeit bills to be identified. Although there are numerous features that can be pointed to, security threads, paper and portrait features serve as some easy recognizable features to look for on currency.

- ⇒ **Security Threads**: These are clear inscribed polyester threads that have been incorporated into the paper of genuine currency. It runs vertically through the clear field to the left of the Federal Reserve seal on all notes except the \$1.00. Printed on the thread is an identifier. On bills \$20.00 and below the thread has “USA” followed by the written denomination. Higher denominations will show “USA” followed by the numerical value.
- ⇒ **Paper Features**: Genuine paper contains no watermarks. It has tiny red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Often counterfeiters try to simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on their paper. Counterfeit notes will have these lines printed on the surface and not embedded in the paper.
- ⇒ **Portrait Features**: The genuine portrait appears lifelike and appears almost three dimensional from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. The details in a genuine bill are visible whereas the detail definition on a counterfeit bill appears almost smudged.
- ⇒ **Federal Reserve & Treasury Seals**: On a genuine bill the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury Seals are clear distinct and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt or broken saw-tooth points.
- ⇒ **Serial Numbers**: Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. They are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury seal. On a counterfeit the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.
- ⇒ **Border**: The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit, the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct.
- ⇒ **Micro-printing**: A line of micro-printing appears on the rim of the portrait on the \$50.00 & \$100.00 bills. The words “THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” are repeated along the sides of the portrait. To the naked eye the micro-printing appears as a little more than a solid line and can only be read using magnification. Neither the security thread nor the micro-printing can be accurately reproduced by an office machine copier.

The government uses master craftsmen who designed engraved plates and printing equipment designed for producing money. Most counterfeiters use a photo-mechanical or “offset” method to make a printing plate from a photograph of a genuine note. Compare any suspect notes with a genuine note of the same value and series. Look for differences in the notes not similarities. If you doubt that a bill is genuine, contact the U.S. Secret Service in Omaha at **1-402-965-9670**, a local bank or the Lincoln Police Department.

For additional information go online at www.secretservice.gov “Know your Money”